

R E M A R K S

This Amendment is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Official Office Action mailed September 30, 2004. By this Amendment, applicant has canceled Claims 2 and 3 and has now amended independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 4 and 8. Accordingly, it is now believed that amended independent Claims 1 and the remaining claims dependent thereon have been placed in condition for allowance.

With respect to the drawings, it is noted that in the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review dated September 27, 2005 the drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons set forth in the Form PTO-948. The Examiner has indicated that applicant is required to submit new corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) in reply to this Office Action.

In view of this, applicant has submitted concurrently herewith a separate letter to the Official Draftsman attaching five (5) new sheets of formal inked drawings so as to replace the ones previously filed. It is believed that these new drawings overcome each and every one of the objections raised in the Form PTO-948 attached to the Office Action.

With respect to the specification, the Examiner has objected to line 4 on page 3 thereof since there should be a space inserted between "bar" and "10". In view of this, applicant has amended page 3 of the specification as shown in the SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS section above.

Turning now to the rejection on the merits, it is noted that the Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 2 as being allegedly anticipated under 35 USC 102 in view of Kirchell, U.S. Patent No. 6,354,025. He has set forth in detail his reasons on pages 3 and 4 of this Office Action.

However, the Examiner's comment pointing out that Claims 3 through 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form so as to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is thankfully noted. In view this, applicant has now canceled Claims 2 and 3 and incorporated the subject matter thereof into amended independent Claim 1. Therefore, it believed that amended Claim 1 has been placed in a condition for allowance.

Moreover, it is likewise submitted that Claims 5-7 and amended Claims 4 and 8 being dependent upon amended independent Claim 1 should likewise be allowable for this reason alone.

In view of the foregoing discussion and amendments advanced to the claims, it is now believed that amended independent Claim 1 and the remaining claims dependent thereon have been placed in condition for allowance. Therefore, a formal Notice of Allowability is believed to be in order and the same is earnestly solicited.

In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application may be expedited by direct contact with applicant's attorney, he is requested to call Davis Chin (815) 806-8477, Frankfort, Illinois.

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